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**FOUR**  
FEBRUARY 2025

LARGE GROUP  
**PRE-K**  
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## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

*Note: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and preschoolers. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your preschoolers for both Large and Small Group time.*

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants everyone to follow Him.

**THE TWELVE DISCIPLES**  
**MATTHEW 4:18-22,**  
**9:9-10, 10:2-4; JOHN 1:43-49**

### MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

**JOHN 15:12, NLT**

### KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### SMALL GROUP

15  
MIN

#### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Completely Loved

### LARGE GROUP

20  
MIN

#### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

#### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Come On with Me"

Bible Story

Prayer

### SMALL GROUP

25  
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#### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

The First Followers

Lift the Flap

Journal and Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

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### LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

### WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; and this month's worship song, "Come On with Me," included in your monthly files; *Optional: Dance Moves Video for "Come On with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com*

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and it's time to worship! We worship God because God sent Jesus to be our friend forever! **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**Jesus loves everyone.**"

**LEADER:** "You've got it! **Jesus loves everyone.** Let's sing this out!"

*Lead children in singing "Come On with Me," this month's worship song.*

"What a great song! It's true: **Jesus loves everyone!** And the Bible teaches us to: 'Love (*cross arms over chest*) each other in the same way (*point to others*) I have (*point up*) loved you;' (*cross arms over chest*) John 15:12. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Say it with me!

*Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.*

"That's right! We can love each other the same way Jesus loves us because **"Jesus loves everyone."**

**[Transition]** "And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"



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## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible; *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

*Open Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 01)*

"This true story from the Bible is about twelve friends of Jesus called: 'the disciples.' Let's work together to say all their names. I'll say a name and you repeat it after me. Here we go!

"First, there was Peter. Say: 'Peter.'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Peter."

**LEADER:** "Andrew."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Andrew."

**LEADER:** "James."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "James."

**LEADER:** "John."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "John."

**LEADER:** "That's four disciples so far! Next, there was another James. Say: 'James!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "James."

**LEADER:** "And Matthew."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Matthew."

**LEADER:** "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6! That makes six disciples. Next was Phillip."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Phillip."

**LEADER:** "And his friend, Nathanael. Say: 'Nathanael.'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Nathanael."

**LEADER:** "Thomas."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Thomas."



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**LEADER:** "Judas."

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Judas."

**LEADER:** "We're up to ten total disciples. There are two more! One is named Thaddeus. Say: 'Thaddeus!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Thaddeus."

**LEADER:** "And last but not least, Simon!"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Simon!"

**LEADER:** "That's twelve friends of Jesus who followed Him!"

"The disciples all came from different places. They had different families and different jobs. Some of them were fishermen, and some of them were tax collectors.

"They were all different, but what was the same was that Jesus loved (*cross arms over chest*) every one of them and they all followed Jesus. Can you do the sign for 'love' with me?"

*Cross arms over chest.*

"Yes, Jesus loved each disciple. They followed Jesus to so many places and saw Jesus love everyone.

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"They saw Jesus love people who were sick.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 03)*

"They saw Jesus love people who were hungry.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 04)*

"They saw Jesus love children.

*(Option: Display Story Image W4 05)*

"Jesus showed the disciples how to love everyone because **Jesus loves everyone.**

"Give yourself a BIG hug to remember that **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?"**

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "**Jesus loves everyone!**"

**LEADER:** "Yes, **Jesus loves everyone.** [Transition] Our story time is over (*pick up and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"



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### PRAYER

**LEADER:** "Dear God, I'm so thankful that Jesus loves everyone. Jesus loved the twelve disciples, and they were His friends. Jesus is my friend too. Help me to follow Him by showing love to everyone. In Jesus' name. Amen."

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Lead small group to the first activity.*



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## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive Worship and the Bible Story. The Rug Script is written for those who pull their children to a rug (or area) to one side of their preschool space to tell the Bible Story. If you gather your preschoolers together from multiple rooms and have a larger space on which to present the Bible Story, you may benefit from using the Stage Script.

### WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

A leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

### STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (10 MINUTES)

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

#### 1. WORSHIP

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader(s)
- Instruments or music player
- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One, placed in Bible at John 15:12

##### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- This month's worship song, "Come On with Me," included in your monthly files

##### OPTIONAL VIDEOS (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE):

- Dance Moves Music Video for "Come On with Me," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from Store.ThinkOrange.com

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the song and have it ready to use.

#### 2. BIBLE STORY

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- *Optional: Story Images and cardstock*

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Story Image W4 01
- Story Image W4 02
- Story Image W4 03
- Story Image W4 04
- Story Image W4 05

##### WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option: Copy Story Images on cardstock or download to display on a device or screen.*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

**WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY:** First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

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